

Blood-Stream Infection (CDC)

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The following is in regard to the public comment period for:

Guidelines for the Prevention of Intravascular Catheter-Related Infections

After review of the of the proposed draft document I have the following comments

From the document below I have underlined my areas of concern for discussion at the end of the email.

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When accessing a central venous catheter or anything that may be attached or infused through a central venous catheter it is imperative to observe the most strict aseptic technique as possible. With regard to the highlighted areas above I propose that these specific words be changed to "Scrub" to indicate to the reader that they must use friction. The purpose of cleansing or wiping the access is to evoke a kill of any infectious organisms prior to access. The agent used, whether it is 70% alcohol or a Chlorhexidine prep pad provide a kill by two methods. One way is the kill from the chemical agent and the second is through friction. Without friction the agent cannot provide adequate kill. There should be instruction to the reader in the document to indicate that all access ports and any multidose vials should be "scrubbed using friction for at least 10 to 15 seconds and allow to dry before accessing the port or vial"

Thank you for this opportunity to comment

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